

Missing Teen Safe

Found in Halifax with alleged murderer

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A Duxbury teenager is safe and sound after an encounter with an alleged murderer in Halifax last week. On Tuesday, November 17, Duxbury police traced a missing 16-year-old girl to an apartment in Halifax. They alerted Halifax police who arrived at the building to find both the teenager and the body of a woman who had been stabbed to death and hidden in a closet. Halifax police arrested Soi Ket Dang, 32, of 46A Wamsutta Ave. He was arraigned on November 18 in Plymouth District Court and is being held without bail after pleading innocent.

Duxbury police lieutenant Lewis Chubb said the family reported the 16-year old missing last Tuesday morning and the police contacted the teen's wireless carrier to determine her location. Chubb said police are allowed to do this in an emergency situation. After Halifax police found the teen, they took her to their station where she was picked up by Duxbury police later that afternoon.

According to Plymouth district court prosecutor Amanda Fowle, the teen allegedly contacted Dang using the app Meet Me and he brought her back to his home and told her about the recent murder.

The body was later identified as 19-year old Marissa Randall of Revere whom Fowle said was a prostitute that Dang had met via Meet Me and that he had paid her for sex. Dang stabbed her to death after arguing with her over money.

Chubb said Duxbury police are aware of the Meet Me app and have seen the consequences of its use.

"It's something that we have dealt with a number of times and it has the potential to be extremely dangerous," he said. "It reveals peoples' location. It is for people to meet people but there is nothing to prevent people who have ill intent to use it to meet people and very often that's what happens."

When asked if it is commonly used for prostitution, Chubb said: "I don't know that for a fact but it certainly has the ability to function that way. We've dealt with this app a number of times but not from a prostitution standpoint. We've had a number of incidents where young people either intentionally or by being misled have ended up arranging to meet people who were older adults. In some cases, the juveniles thought they were meeting people who were their own age and it turned out the people were older, and, in other instances, it was the intent of the young person to meet an older person for one reason or another – often for alcohol or drugs. It's a problem and it's not the only app. There are lots of apps that operate the same way."

Chubb said that prostitution was a problem Duxbury police faced only "rarely."

“We have had occasional incidents but nothing that we would consider to be a chronic problem,” he said.

Chubb said no charges have been filed against the teen by Duxbury police and that he couldn’t comment on any of the incidents that took place in Halifax.

“Our only involvement was the recovering of a missing child. The two incidents sort of just bumped into each other,” Chubb said. “The good news is that we found her and she’s unharmed. Hopefully she realizes how lucky she was.” “The good news is that we found her and she’s unharmed. Hopefully she realizes how lucky she was.” Lt. Lewis Chubb said.